(xvi) A separate Department of Rural Labour at the Centre and in the State with an independent Directorate or Rural Labour in the States to deal with all aspects of Rural Labour.

3. The recommendations relating to a Central legislation for Agricultural Workers, a Central Legislation for Construction Workers, social security and constitution of a Commission on Bonded Labour have been referred to a Committee of State Labour Ministers headed by Labour Minister of Maharashtra for consideration and early report to the Government.

4. All Ministries/Departments concerned with specific recommendations have duly examined the recommendations. Implementation of these recommendations in consultation with the State Govts. Wherever necessary, is a continuing process. A Report on the action taken by various Ministries was laid on the Table of the House in its winter session of 1992 in fulfilment of Assurance given during Short Duration Discussion on the rendition of Rural Labour in the Country on 4-8-1992.

Rise in Unemployment Amongst Educated Youth

1807. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in "The Hindustan Times" dated the 24th July, 1993 captioned "9 million educated to be jobless by 1977";

* (b) if so, the details thereof indicating observations made in the study report by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR) recently;

(c) whither there was a backlog of 7 million educated unemployed in April, 1992 as observed by Dr. T.S. Papola, Adviser to the Planning Commission on Labour, Employment and Manpower recently; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take or have taken so far to check the growing unemployment amongst educated youth of the country by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to a study by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research entitled "Status Paper on Educated Unemployment in India (December 1992)", the number of educated unemployed persons would be 8.72 million in 1997. This figure has been arrived on the basis of (i) an estimated backlog of educated unemployed of 6 million in 1992; (ii) addition to educated labour force of 16.10 million during 1992-97; and (iii) estimated additional requirements of educated persons of 13.38 million during 1992-97.

(c) and (d) According to estimates by the Planning Commission, the backlog of open unemployment in the beginning of the Eighth Plan was 17 million, of which 7 million were estimated to be educated. Addition to educated labour force is estimated to be 17.5 million during 1992-97. The Eighth Plan envisages an e*mployment*-oriented strategy of growth with the goal of acheving near full employment by 2002 AD. The Plan is expected to generate additional employment opportunities to the tune of 43 million of which about 20 million are likely to be for the educated. The number of educated unemployed at the end of the Eighth Plan, on this basis, is likely to be around 4 to 5 million.

Ramanujam Committee's Recommendations On New Industrial Relations Law

1808. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of discussion/implementation of the Ramanujam Committee's recommendations on the new Industrial Relations Law, including amendments of the Trade Unions Act and the Industrial Disputes Act, particularly in the light of the Ramanujam Committee's Report; and